MESSAGE.

Secretary: Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, passed under date the 28th October 1932, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Mulam Assembly has, at its meeting held on the 26th June 1939 agreed, without any amendments to the Travancore Hindu Inheritance (Removal of disabilities) Bill which was passed by the Sri Chitra State Council at its meeting held on the 22nd August 1938.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

Prsident: I have received notices of two adjournment motions. One is from Mr. V. Sankara Menon. This motion is:

> "For the last three months, in the Pakuthies of Maramallur, Perunkadavila, Marikil, Ottasekharamangalam, Kunnathukal and Kattakada of the Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad Taluks and also in the Karas of Vilappil, Malayinkil, Parod and Korudu bordering on the Trivandrum Town itself, the epidemic of Malaria is rampant and still raging with unabated fury causing death to hundreds of fellow-beings and resulting in complete devastation of several whole families. The epidemic is spreading in all directions and several persons have been fleeing from their houses to Trivandrum and other places to escape the fury of the fatal disease. Starvation and misery and utter ruin face the already suffering people as after-effects of the ravage. The situation thus created deserves the serious notice of the House as well as of the Government".

Though it is not entirely in form I propose to admit it. It is in order and the House will discuss it this afternoon.

I have received another notice of an adjourment motion from Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi. It says:

> "I move that the business of the House be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the flagrant denial, of constitutional rights of the voters, involved in the illegal rejection of many nomination papers by the Returning Officers in the recent bye-elections to the Legislature".

Will the honourable Member kindly enlighten me as to whether Government have any rights to intervene and whether they can do anything in the matter?

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: The executive officers of Government have summarily and arbitrarily rejected in unprecedentedly large numbers nomination papers during the recent bye-elections, and as such the Government as the head of executive can enquire into the conduct of such officers.

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President: If complaints are made against the actions of executive officers as such, it is not only the right but the duty of Government to enquire. Sometimes these officers act as here in a quasi-judicial capacity, and exercise statutory functions and the Law has provided in such cases a remedy by means of election petitions. In some cases, when Government were approached, the persons who made the complaints were asked to take up the matter in proper, form *i. e.* by means of election petitions. Under these circumstances, asGovernment cannot move in the matter, and as they have no statutory right whatsoever to take action I am afraid I shall have to rule this motion out of order.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ELECTIONS TO BE CONDUCTED.

President I have to announce that the non-official members of the Council would elect a member to the Economic Development Board in the place of Mr. R. Kesavan Nair and another member to the Debt Conciliation Committee. The elections will take place after the regular business of the House is over today under the Chairmanship of one of the panel of Chairmen. I propose Mr. Govindan as the Chairman.

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

Secretary: I beg to report that the following bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja:—

1. The Travancore Village Panchayat Courts Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Travancore Revenue Summons Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore Workmen's Compensation Bill.
4. The Travancore Markets Act (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Travancore Credit Bank Act (Amendment) Bill.

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